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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Reply to the Attention Of: SR-6J

March 17, 2008

**Via E-mail and Mail**

Dr. Rainer Domalski  
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RE: Proposal to Use Additional Laboratory for Mirex Analysis  
Nease Chemical Site, Salem, Ohio

Dear Rainer:

U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA (the Agencies) have reviewed the memorandum entitled *Analytical Laboratories for Mirex Testing*, dated February 28, 2008, sent on your behalf from Golder Associates. In the conclusions you request Agency approval to use STL/TestAmerica for future mirex analysis at the Nease Chemical site. While the Agencies are generally comfortable with the performance of STL/TestAmerica compared to analyses done by the Ohio EPA Division of Environmental Services (DES), we would like a little more information before we fully approve this laboratory to perform future mirex analysis for the site. Please address the following:

- All of the samples were qualified with a "J" qualifier. The memorandum attempts to explain these qualifiers (on page 3). However, it would be more helpful to know for each sample all of the reasons to results had a "J" qualifier.

In the interim, as you are responding to these questions, the Agencies will consider the approval of STL/TestAmerica on a case-by-case basis. Please contact me at (312) 886-4699, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary P. Logan  
Remedial Project Manager

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